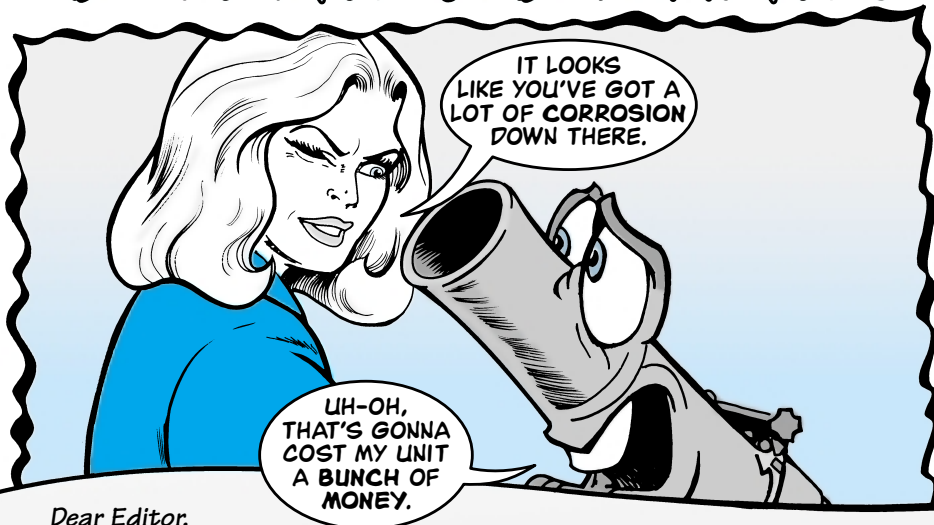


DON'T LET TUBE GO DOWN THE TUBES



Dear Editor,

We recently finished an inspection of our post's M120/M121 mortar gun tubes. Humidity and temperature changes had left condensation in the bottom of several tubes that had caused extensive corrosion. The tubes had to be replaced at a cost of \$22,000 each.

These tubes could have been saved if mortar crews had just paid a little attention to PM. Pages 2-50 to 2-51 in TM 9-1015-250-10 say to clean and lube the tube thoroughly after firing and to clean and lube it again for the next two days. When the mortar just sits, clean and lube the tube weekly.

It's also a good idea to store the tube in the arms room, NOT in the M1064 carrier. Condensation is less of a problem in the arms room.

Just doing a little bit of PM weekly can save units thousands of dollars

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FROM THE DESK OF THE Editor



Thanks, Chief. We hope mortarmen take your advice. Units don't need to be spending big bucks on replacing tubes that could easily be protected with PM.